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LETTER DATED 7 JULY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of a Statement made by Acting President of the Azerbaijani Republic and Chairman of the Supreme Soviet of the Azerbaijani Republic, His Excellency Mr. Heydar Aliyev, during the meeting with Ambassadors of United States of America, Russian Federation and the Turkish Republic in Baku and the representative of the United Nations in Azerbaijan, which was held on 5 July 1993 in the Supreme Soviet of the Azerbaijani Republic.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hassan A. HASSANOV
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex

Statement made on 5 July 1993 by the Acting President of the Azerbaijani Republic and Chairman of the Supreme Soviet of the Azerbaijani Republic, Heydar Aliyev

In my statement of 2 July 1993, I drew the attention of the United States of America, Russia, Turkey, the United Nations, the CSCE and the international community to the situation created as a result of intensive attacks of the Armenian Armed Forces on the Azerbaijani territories and called on them to take necessary measures to stop the aggression. As these States are the initiators of the process of peaceful resolution of the Karabakh problem, the necessity of implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 822 was declared as a result of the efforts of these States.

As it was known, the Chairman of the CSCE Minsk Conference, Mr. M. Raffaelli, was to visit Azerbaijan on 5 July 1993. Leaders of the Republic, while preparing to meet Mr. M. Raffaelli, have implemented necessary measures and accepted his programme. I should note with deep regret and surprise that the Ambassadors invited here, i.e. the States they represent, have not taken necessary measures. With this statement, I refer to the fact that after 2 July, the aggression of the Armenian Armed Forces on the Azerbaijani territories not only failed to stop, but increased even more since 3-4 July.

Therefore, we do not know what policy the United States of America, Russia and Turkey are pursuing in this respect. Although we had great expectations of Mr. M. Raffaelli's visit to Azerbaijan, we hoped that Mr. M. Raffaelli's visit and the implementation of the envisaged programme would stop the attacks of the Armenian Armed Forces. Unfortunately, this morning we were informed that Mr. Raffaelli would not visit Baku and, in effect, he postponed his visit. We are not aware of the reasons of Mr. M. Raffaelli's decision.

We cannot understand why he took this step, we express our discontent and dissatisfaction with such a decision. It became known afterwards that Mr. M. Raffaelli made this decision on the basis of the information distributed by foreign agencies that the Armenians had allegedly captured Aghdam. If great political and diplomatic steps were taken on the basis of unreliable and unverified information distributed by different agencies, this merely causes our surprise and we cannot understand it. Thus, the fact that Mr. M. Raffaelli has withdrawn from his plan and postponed his envisaged visit which was of great importance, means that the CSCE, on which Azerbaijan pinned its hopes, actually keeps away from the process of the conflict and we are compelled to lead a face-to-face fight with Armenia and this deals a serious blow to the prospects for a peaceful settlement of the problem and means still greater intensification of the war in the region. It is quite impossible to put up with such a situation. In order to prevent this the United States of America, Russia and Turkey must fulfil the mission they undertook and keep their promises. The attitude shown by the Ambassadors of these States after 2 July concerning this matter can by no means satisfy us. If the great Powers undertook the initiative and repeatedly invited the Azerbaijani Government to settle the Karabakh problem by peaceful means, they must themselves meet their commitments. We request the

United Nations Security Council to intervene in this matter and to take necessary measures, making use of its capabilities and authority.

Since 2 July until the present time, a large number of our villages and settlements were captured, destroyed and burned as a result of the attacks of the Armenian Armed Forces. Many people died, many have left their homes and at present they live under severe conditions in the open air. All this undoubtedly proves that at present, it is Armenia that acts from an obviously aggressive position. We want to state that we tried to use all means to peacefully prevent the military aggression of Armenia. I personally had direct telephone talks with the leaders of the Republic of Armenia, Ambassador at large of Russia, V. Kazimirov, the Ambassadors of the United States of America and Turkey in Azerbaijan and asked them to immediately stop the aggression, invited them to solve the problem by peaceful means. Unfortunately, all this proved unsuccessful and at present the bloody fighting continues in the region of the Aghdam, Fuzuli, Jabrail districts.

We request that everybody do his duty, as appropriate, in this difficult situation. Nobody, including the representatives of foreign countries present here, should doubt that all this is the result of the aggression of the Armenian Armed Forces and it cannot be considered otherwise. We assume that in such a tragic situation these great Powers must take drastic measures.

In conclusion, we want to stress once more that we await Mr. M. Raffaelli's urgent visit, and we guarantee, on the Azerbaijani side, the fulfilment of Mr. M. Raffaelli's mission. However, this guarantee must be bilateral. If the Republic of Armenia and its forces in Nagorny Karabakh really want to settle this problem by peaceful means, they also must guarantee this. Three great Powers - the United States of America, Russia and Turkey, and the United Nations Organization must exert the necessary influence on the Republic of Armenia in order that such a guarantee be given to Mr. M. Raffaelli. We await that Mr. M. Raffaelli will come soon and begin his work.